

The Director
Central Intelligence Agency



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Dear George,

STAT During our Christmas break here I've found a moment to address your letter of the 23rd of November. Let me just quickly attempt to reassure you on the issue of my intent with respect to human and technical intelligence. The reduction of positions in the DDO is in no way premised on a feeling that we can afford to rely primarily on technical means of collection. Perhaps I should simply point out that there will be almost no reduction in the number of DDO personnel stationed overseas. The cut is all coming from "fat" or excess in the Headquarters. One of the purposes is to reduce unnecessary interference from Headquarters personnel with people in the field so they can do a better job in just the kinds of things you cite.

In short, I agree with you completely and am only moving to strengthen the DDO and not in any way to disregard its tremendous potential.

Happy New Year.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stansfield Turner".

STANSFIELD TURNER

